



NATIONAL SEASHORE (NO LONGER UNDER CONSIDERATION)

Under this management option, Congress would have established a National Seashore focused on coastal watersheds.

The National Seashore would have included specific coastal watersheds from the Sudden area on Vandenberg AFB to Eagle Canyon, and a coastal strip south of U.S. Highway 101 and the Union Pacific Railroad.

The National Seashore boundary would have included the Sudden area watersheds at the southern end of Vandenberg AFB where there are no launch facilities. This area would have continued to be managed under the command of Vandenberg AFB. The NPS would have sought to enter into agreements with Vandenberg AFB to manage recreational access in this area.

Within the National Seashore, the NPS would have had authority to acquire land in fee or easements

from willing sellers and manage acquired land for resource protection and managed public access.

The NPS would have used a mix of fee acquisition, easements, incentives, and partnership programs in order to retain the cultural landscape and maintain the viability of farming and ranching. A combination of federal, state, local and private land management and acquisition mechanisms would have been encouraged both within and outside the boundary.

Landowners not seeking to sell land or interests in land to the NPS or other organizations would have maintained their land in current ownership and under the current set of local, state and federal resource management and land use regulations.

The NPS would have collaborated in resource protection and public education with other public and quasi-public land managers. Each organization would have continued to manage its own land and programs.



Ellwood coast, NPS photo

Archeological, ceremonial, and other sites important to Chumash would have been protected, in collaboration and consultation with the Chumash organizations. Opportunities for active cultural education and interpretation would have been explored. Congress would have authorized the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash and other Chumash organizations, to study the potential for establishing a reservation or other lands set aside for the Chumash people within the National Seashore.

Authorizing language would have provided direct transfer authority for nationally significant portions of Vandenberg AFB to be transferred to NPS if those portions of the base were ever declared excess to the U.S. Department of Defense.